

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ - بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
(١) لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ (سورة الاحزاب ٢٢/٢١)

(1) " Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example to follow " (سورة الاحزاب 33 / 21)

خَالِفُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ ، وَقَرُّوا اللَّحْيَ ، وَاحْفُوا الشَّوَارِبَ (بخارى ٧/٧٨٠)

(2) " Do the opposite of what the pagans do, keep the beards and cut the moustaches short" (Bukhari 7:780)

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Significance of beard. Why Muslims must grow the beard ?

(1) To shave the beard completely is disobedience to Allah and His Messenger. ﷺ

(2) "And whatsoever the Messenger ﷺ gives you take it, and whatsoever he forbids you abstain from it. And fear Allah; verily, Allah is severe in punishment." (سورة الحشر 59/7)

(3) To keep the beard is "Wajib" and some scholars said it is must i.e. obligatory. The arabic word for beard is اللِّحْيَة it's plural form اللِّحْيُ or اللُّحْيُ means beards.

(4) To completely shave the beard is obeying orders of satan الشَّيْطَان making him happy because he said, "I will mislead them and surely arouse in them false desires; and certainly I will order them to slit (cut) the ears of cattle, and to deface the fair nature created by Allah . وَلَا مُرَنَّهُمْ فَلْيَغَيِّرْ خَلْقَ اللَّهِ And whoever takes satan as a friend instead of Allah has surely suffered an obvious loss." (4/119 النساء)

(5) "The nature in which Allah has made mankind, no change let there be in Allah's created (human body) لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ that is the straight religion, but most of men know not" (30 / 30 سورة الروم)

(6) Shaving the beard is copying the non-muslims, the Prophet ﷺ said, " مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ " he who copies any people is one of them." (Abu Dawood 4020, Ahmed 2/50, 93)

(7) To shave the beard is making oneself resemble ladies.

(8) Effeminate men (eunuchs الْمُخْتَلِينَ) don't keep beard.

(9) Ibn Abbas narrated " Allah's Apostle ﷺ cursed those men who are in similitude (assume the similarity in looks, actions and manners) of women & those women who are in similitude of men (Bukhari 7:773)

(10) Ibn Abbas reported "The Prophet ﷺ cursed effeminate men (those men who are in the similitude of women) and those women who assume the mannners of men and he said " Turn them out of your houses." (Bukhari 7:774)

لَعَنَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ الْمُخَنَّثِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالْمُتَرَجِّلَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ

(11) To make mockery of any Sunnah of Prophet ﷺ is a sin. Scholars have said the person will be even considered as if he has departed from religion of Islam. Refer Quran, "If you question them (about this) they say we were only talking idly and joking " Say! Was it Allah His ayat and His Messenger that you were mocking, " Make no excuses you have rejected Faith after you have accepted it. (سورة التوبة 9 / 65-66) لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا قَدْ كَفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ

(12) Making mockery or telling jokes about muslim beards is nothing but hurting muslims, and teasing their hearts.

(13) The disbelievers and polytheists are too much jealous of muslims, that's why they make mockery of muslim beards, and give taunting remarks. They want muslims also should turn away from true path and deviate themselves, contrary to this how wise are our Prophet teachings are, Abu Huraira said " The Prophet said " Beware of suspicion (about others) as suspicion is the big false talk and don't spy up on each other, and don't listen to the evil talk of the people about others' affairs and don't have enmity with one another but be brothers. And none should ask for the hand of a girl who is already engaged to his (muslim) brother

but one should wait till the first suiter or proponent marries her or leaves her" (Bukhari 7:74)

(14) Ibn Umar said The Prophet ﷺ said " Do the opposite of what the pagans do, keep the beards and cut the moustaches short" (Bukhari 7:780)

خَالِفُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ ، وَقَرُّوا اللَّحْيَ ، وَاحْفُوا الشَّوَارِبَ

(15) Say! If you really love Allah then follow me, Allah will love you and forgive your sins, and Allah is oft forgiving Most Merciful. (S.3/31)

(16) To shave one's beard is considered as tatooing the face i.e. changing Allah's created beautiful face.

(17) What's the reason of people going astray because they left Quran and sunnah of Prophet Mohammed (pbh) (18) Man's duty is to preserve the pattern on which Allah has made him.

(19) **Man should remain loyal to his manly nature,** what Almighty Has chosen for him. (20) Man looks dignified with beard. We are much thankful to Allah as He has given human being a His greatest favours and honoured man by giving man highest rank among other creations, by creating him in the best mold. i.e. symmetry, form, nature, constitution etc. Moreover, given man the brain, proportionate body, hands, legs, and handsome face and to further increase the soberness and dignity, for men He created beard on man's face. And mentioned in Quran;

(١) لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ (٩٥ / ٤ التين)

(1) " Verily We created man in the best stature (mold and appearance)" (95/3). Before this verse Allah has taken promise of four valuable things / Holy places "By the fig, and the olive, by Mount Sinai, by this city of Security (Makkah)" Mount Sinai is the place where glory of Allah was made visible and Prophet Moses

(Allah's peace be on him) was given Torah. The city of security is the sacred city Makkah. After these four promises Allah said , " Verily We created man in the best stature". So you brothers decide your self how important is man's face and beard.

(٢) وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا (سورة الإسراء ١٧/٧٠)

(2) " Indeed We have honoured the children of Adam , provided them with transport on land and sea, given them for sustenance things good and pure, and conferred on them special favours, above a great part of our creation." (سورة الإسراء 17/70).

Allah has given man a position of honour compared to His other creations, and these are made to serve human beings for example Sun, Moon, air and water etc. All human beings are getting benefit from them. The nature on which Prophet ﷺ had adopted himself in the same way Momineen are also reminded not to change the nature on which Allah has created human beings. And no one has any right to change the original shape or looks of human beings. The original nature of man is with beard, man's duty is to preserve the pattern on which Allah made him.

(٣) فَاقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۖ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا ۚ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ۚ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ ، وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

(3) The nature in which Allah has made mankind, no change let there be in Khalq-illah that is the straight religion. (سورة الروم 30/30)

(4) Narrated Abu Hurairah the Prophet (pbh) said , " Every child is born on Al-Fitrah but his parents convert him to Judaism or Christianity or Magianism, as an animal gives birth to a perfect baby animal. Do you find it mutilated? (Bukhari 2: 467)

(5) Abu Hurairah said " I heard the Prophet (pbh) saying " Five practices are characteristics of fitra (i.e. natural act) circumcision, shaving the pubic hair, cutting the moustaches short , clipping the nails, depliting the hairs of the arm pits." (Bukhari 7:779)

(6) Anas Bin Malick narrated " A time limit has been prescribed for us by Prophet ﷺ for cutting moustaches, cutting the nails, plucking hairs under armpits, shaving the pubes, that "it should not be neglected for more than forty nights" (Muslim : 497)

(7) Aisha said The Messenger of Allah said " Ten are the acts according to Fitra (i.e. by human nature) cutting the moustaches and letting the beard grow(Muslim:502;Tirmidhi:2775 ; Ibn Majah)

Instructions to grow the beard

(١) لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ (٢١ / ٣٣ سورة الاحزاب)

(1) " Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example to follow for him who hopes for (the meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much." (سورة الاحزاب 33 / 21)

(٢) وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ ۖ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ (٧ / ٥٩ الْحَشْرِ)

(2) And whatsoever the Messenger gives you take it, and whatsoever he forbids you abstain from it. And fear Allah; verily , Allah is severe in punishment.(سورة 59/7 الْحَشْرِ)

In all the given below Ahadeeth there are instructions and orders to grow the beard, the arabic wordings are such that the "order" form is used, instead of normal speech. Some scholars have derived from this the instructions of order to grow beard implies "growing of beard is obligatory" and some other scholars said it is only "wajib" or "Sunnah"

(3) Narrated by Ibn Umar Allah's messenger(pbh) said " Cut the moustaches short and leave the beard (as it is) (Bukahri 7:781)

(4) Ibn Umar said the prophet ﷺ said "Do the opposite of what the pagans do. Grow the beards & cut the moustaches short."(Bukhari 7:780)

(5) In another narration of Ibn Umar "the prophet ﷺ has been ordered to cut short moustaches and grow the beard."

(6) Abu Hurairah narrated the messenger of Allah ﷺ said " Trim closely the moustaches and grow the beard and thus act against the fire worshippers. (Muslim : 501)

(7) Abu Hurairah narrated the messenger of Allah ﷺ said " Grow the beards and trim the moustaches short, and change the colour of your white hairs (by applying henna) and don't similiarize yourself like Jewish or Christians". (Ahmed 2/356)

(8) Zaid Bin Arqam narrated Allah's Messenger ﷺ said " He who does not take something off his moustache is not one of us. (Tirmidhi : 4438, Ahmed, and Nasai)

Be afraid of going against / disobeying the order of Prophet(pbh)

Allah's messenger ﷺ ordered us to grow the beards and some of present day followers of Prophet (peace and Blessings OF Allah be on him) (specially the young generation) do opposite and shave the beards this is disobedience to his orders

(١) ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُّوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ (سورة الأنفال ٨/١٣)

(1) " This is because they defied and disobeyed Allah and His Messenger(pbh),and whoever defies and disobeys Allah and His Messenger(pbh)then verily, Allah is Severe in punishment."(8/13)

(۲) وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا

(سورة الجن ۷۲/۲۳)

(2) 'And whosoever disobeys Allah & His Messenger ﷺ, then verily for him is the Fire of Hell, he shall dwell therein forever."
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(۳) وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُبِينًا (سورة الاحزاب ۳۳/۳۶)

(3) "And if any one disobeys Allah and His Messenger ﷺ, he is indeed on a wrong path." (سورة الاحزاب 33 / 36)

Prophet's ﷺ beard was long, thick and covered part of his chest

(1) Prophet's ﷺ beard was thick.

(2) Grand father of Talha reported, " I entered upon the Prophet ﷺ while he was performing ablution and the water was running down his face and beard to his chest, I saw him rinsing the mouth and snuffing up water separately. (Abu Dawood:139)

(3) Abu Mam'ar narrated, " I asked Khabbab Bin Al-Ar't, whether the Prophet ﷺ used to recite the Quran in the Zuhr and the Asr prayer. He replied in the affirmative, I said, "How did you come to know that?" He replied, "From the movement of his beard."
(Bukhari 1:728)

(4) Anas Bin Malik narrated, whenever Allah's Messenger ﷺ performed ablution, he took handful of water and putting it under the chin, made it go through his beard saying, thus did my Lord command me." (Abu Dawood : 145)

(5) Aisha ؓ narrated, " I used to perfume Allah's Apostle (pbh) with the best scent available till I saw the shine of the scent on the beard and hairs of head" (Bukhari 7: 806)

Growing the beards is Sunnah of Allah's

Prophets (Peace be upon them all)

(١) قَالَ يَنْتُومَ لَا تَأْخُذْ بِلِحْيَتِي وَلَا بِرَأْسِي ۚ إِنِّي خَشِيتُ أَنْ تَقُولَ فَرَّقْتَ بَيْنَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ وَلَمْ تَرْقُبْ قَوْلِي (سورة طه ٩٤ / ٢٠ طه)

(1) He (Haroun-Aaron) said, " O son of my mother! Seize (me) not by my beard, nor by my head! Verily , I feared lest you should say; 'You have caused a division among the Children of Israel, and you have not respected my word.'" (سورة طه 20 / 94)

How were the beards of **four Caliphs** of Prophet ﷺ

If you read biographies of each of them you will come to know how were their beards, none has cut his beard short.

To shave the beard completely is as if tatooing one's beard which is prohibited in Islam.

(١) وَلَا ضِلَّالَهُمْ وَلَا مِئِينَئِهِمْ وَلَا مَرْئَهُمْ فَلْيُبَيِّغْهُمْ إِذَا نَالُوا الْأَنْعَامَ وَلَا مَرْئَهُمْ فَلْيُغَيِّرْ خَلْقَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ خَسِرَ خُسْرَانًا مُّبِينًا (سورة النساء ١١٩ / ٤)

(1) "I will mislead them and surely arouse in them false desires; and certainly I will order them to slit (cut) the ears of cattle, and to deface the fair nature created by Allah. And whoever takes satan as a friend instead of Allah has surely suffered an obvious loss."

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To change the fair nature of Allah had wide meaning for e.g. making birth control operation for men or women, shaving beard of men, tatooing face, removing hairs of woman's face (making or cutting eye brows). These are all inspirations of Satan (الشيطان). How to distinguish muslim from non-muslim, you can easily identify a muslim by his beard, and by his short moustaches. The obedience of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ is to grow beard. Allah made us superior over all His other creations. Allah knows what is best for us in appearance and many other matters. Even one is not allowed to hit on the face of an animal. How can we dare to spoil our faces by shaving and disobeying Allah and His Messenger ﷺ. By shaving the person is obeying Satan, brothers just think with cool mind you have to give account of your deeds before Allah or before satan, decide yourself. The core of problem i.e. shaving beard is well known it's the fashion domination.

(٢) اَتَّبِعُوا مَا اُنْزِلَ اِلَيْكُمْ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ اَوْلِيَاءَ ط قَلِيلًا
مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ (٣ / ٧ الاعراف)

(2) " Follow (O men!) the revelation given unto you from your Lord, and follow not as friends or protectors, other than Him. Little do you remember" (3 / 7 سورة الاعراف)

A muslim's desire is praying to Allah. " Cause me to die as a muslim and join me with the righteous" (101 / 12 سورة يوسف)

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